

REGION #2
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 2010

Meeting Notes (March 3, 2010):

Chair Welcome:

Meeting called to order, and I requested a brief summary of the Legislative Event held at the Capital in Boise in February 2010. A Darrell Keim and Melinda Sonnen, who attended the event, gave a report. They reported that Representative Liz Chavez did receive the Patricia Kempthorne Award in front of her peers.

Dept. H&W CO update:

Regional budgets in process of being set. 2 handouts were passed out from H&W, and Office of Drug Policy. The Access to Recovery Grant was discussed. Currently BPA has individuals on a waiting list for treatment, but it is going to be going away. The only one that will be funded for substance abuse treatment will be those people who are referred by a 19-2524.

Chris Winters gave a summary about several issues and concerns regarding the case management rules through IDAPA and the changes made in the QP status in the rule standards. The continuation of service providers is in jeopardy, due to such things as the changes of rule standards and Medicaid funding issues.

It was discussed that the RAC should draft and send letters of support for the local H&W navigators, and the essential services they provide in our region. It was also discussed to collect the side by side issues, of mental health and substance abuse issues and provide MH with these questions.

Action Groups and Goal Setting:

Detox. Center, had no representatives in attendance. Minority Representation had no representatives present. Events Committee was reported by Melinda Sonnen, as both her and Debbie Winchester prepared the display for the legislative event. The display turned out very well; it is a good representation of the region 2 RAC activities and accomplishments.

The Prescription Drug drop off/round up was discussed, as it is planned for 05/06/10 at the Lewiston Community Center during a "health fair" from 10 am until 2 p.m. Discussed the need to get Physician and public awareness during this activity. Lewiston Police Dept. will provide a lock box during this event.

Upcoming Conferences:

Prevention Conference 04/15 – 04/16/10 in Sun Valley, \$250 scholarship awarded to Kamiah Youth Collition. ICADD Conference 05/18 - 05/20/10 in Boise, \$500 scholarship awarded to Changepoint.

Prescription Drug Round Up:

Scheduled for 05/06/10 at Community Center in Lewiston, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Nimiipuu Health Services:

Darrel Kipp was not present.

Behavioral Health/Co-occurring update:

Vicki Malone was not present. Motion was called to require attendance of H&W representation, as private providers are not paid to attend RAC meeting and need information from this agency.

B.P.A. and Mental Health Board update:

Dean Allen was not present. Motion was called to require attendance of B.P.A. representation, as private providers are not paid to attend RAC meeting and need information from this agency.

RAC Budget:

\$1,000 budget reduction for FY10.

ISCA Recommendations:

Obtained several talking points from region 2 for next conference call.

Roundtable:

Several items were discussed by the participants.

End of meeting.